

Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality Wetlands Section

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Corps of Engineers ID Number: LRC-2010-328-IN

To all interested parties:

This letter shall serve as a formal notice of the receipt of an application for Section 401 Water Quality Certification by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). The purpose of the notice is to inform the public of active applications submitted for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1341) and to solicit comments and information on any impacts to water quality related to the proposed project. IDEM will evaluate whether the project complies with Indiana's water quality standards as set forth at 327 IAC 2.

1. Applicant:

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3. Project location:

SE 1/4 Section 8, Township 37 North, Range 9 West, Lake County IN USGS Quadrangle Map

Sampling locations are located within Lake Michigan, appx. 3,500' N of the shoreline, near Whiting, Lake Co.

4. Affected waterbody:

Lake Michigan

5. Project Description:

The applicant proposes to sample sediment from within Lake Michigan at two locations; one sampling location is to assess the aquatic life found within 200' of BP's Discharge Outfall 005, and the second sampling location is a control site approximately 1,500' northwest of the discharge outfall sampling location. Approximately 18 hand core samplies and 6 dredging samples (using a Ponar Dredge) will be taken. No fill will be placed within Lake Michigan. Sampling is required as per BP's existing NPDES permit IN0000108.

Comment period:

Any person or entity who wishes to submit comments or information relevant to the aforementioned project may do so by the closing date noted above. Only comments or information related to water quality or potential impacts of the project on water quality can be considered by IDEM in the water quality certification review process.

Public Hearing:

Any person may submit a written request that a public hearing be held to consider issues related to water quality in connection with the project detailed in this notice. The request for a hearing should be submitted within the comment period to be considered timely. The request should also state the reason for the public hearing as specifically as possible to assist IDEM in determining whether a public hearing is warranted.

Questions?

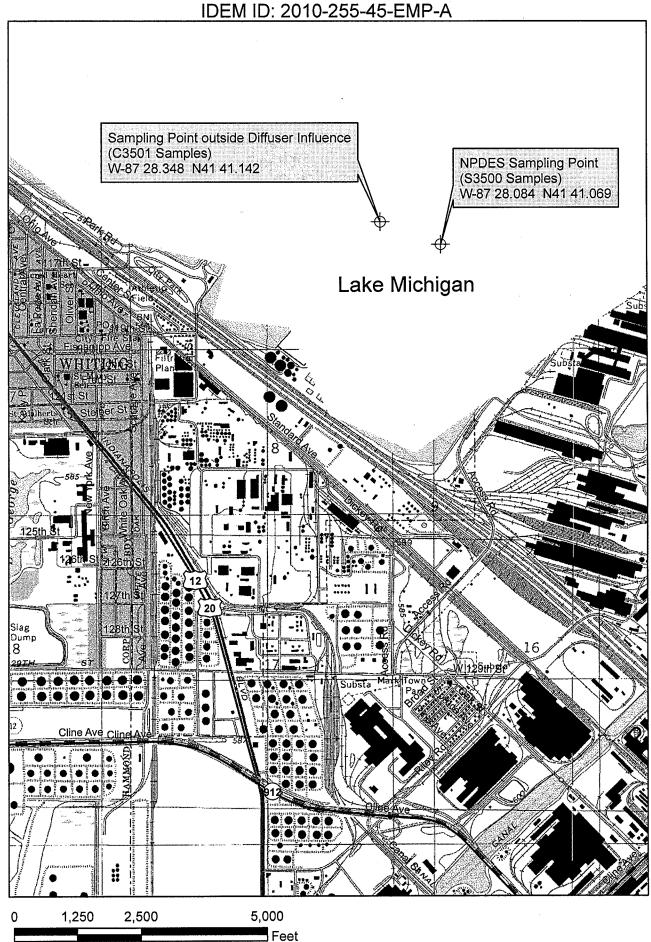
Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Liz Pelloso, Project Manager, at 317-233-2482. Please address all correspondence to the project manager and reference the IDEM project identification number listed on this notice. Indicate if you wish to receive a copy of IDEM's final decision. Written comments and inquiries may be forwarded to -

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BP - Whiting Business Unit NPDES Permit Sampling



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